# Top Issues in American Higher Education, Michigan in Context

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## Agenda

- Critical issues in American higher education
- Open dialogue





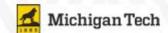






























### Michigan's 15 Public Universities

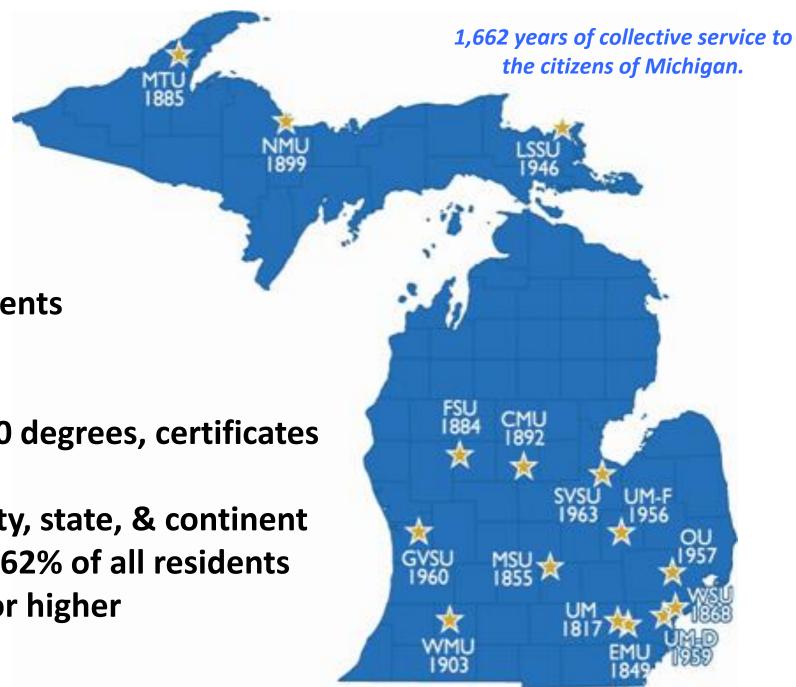
Enroll nearly 300,000 students

Oldest: UM—1817

Youngest: SVSU—1963

FY 2016: More than 71,000 degrees, certificates
 & awards granted

- Students from every county, state, & continent
- 1.3 million alumni in MI 62% of all residents with a bachelor's degree or higher

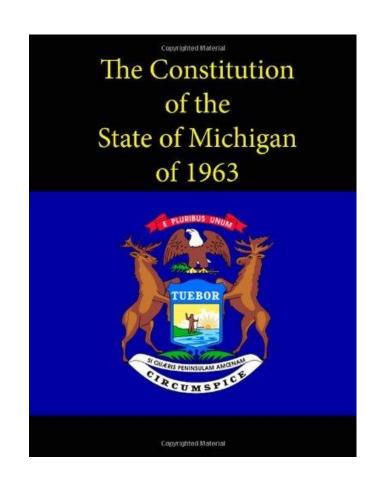


## **University Governance**

- 8-Member Governing Boards
  - Gubernatorially-appointed
  - Statewide-elected (MSU, UM, WSU)
  - Leaders from private & non-profit sectors
- State constitutional autonomy
- Flexible, responsive, efficient

**Article VIII, Section 5 of Michigan's 1963 Constitution** 

Each board shall have general supervision over its institution and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's fund.





### Local, State & Global Impact



- Innovation & Entrepreneurialism
- Research & Development
- Environmental Sustainability
- Health Care
- K-12 Outreach
- Public Safety & Veteran Outreach

- Civic Engagement & Education
- Student Service and Outreach
- Culture and Placemaking
- Faculty Perspective and Expertise
- Flint Water Crisis
- Global Outreach

# Higher Education: The Key to Prosperity in a Knowledge Economy

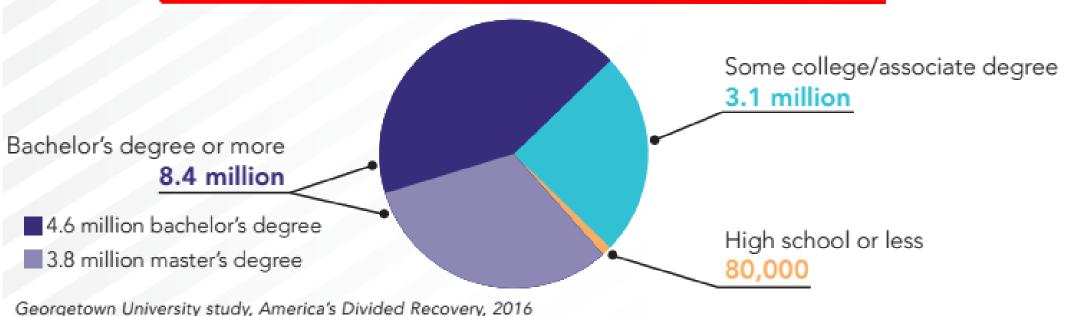


THE ECONOMY HAS ADDED 11.6 MILLION JOBS SINCE THE GREAT RECESSION.

99% OF THOSE JOBS HAVE GONE TO WORKERS WITH AT LEAST SOME COLLEGE.

72% HAVE GONE TO THOSE WITH A 4-YEAR DEGREE OR BEYOND.

LESS THAN 1 PERCENT WENT TO THOSE WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR LESS.



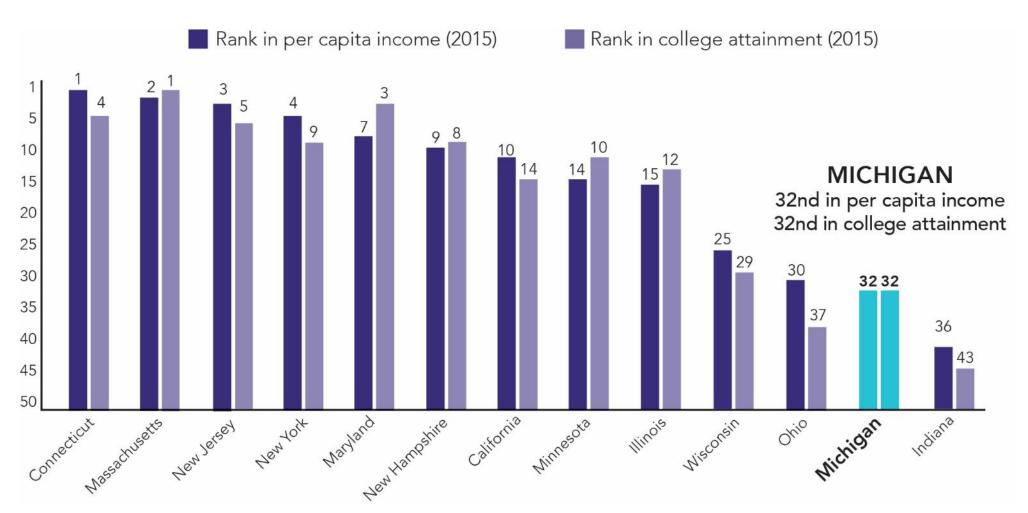


Of the top 50 good paying, growing occupations in Michigan through 2024: 43 require some college, and 36 require a bachelor's degree or higher

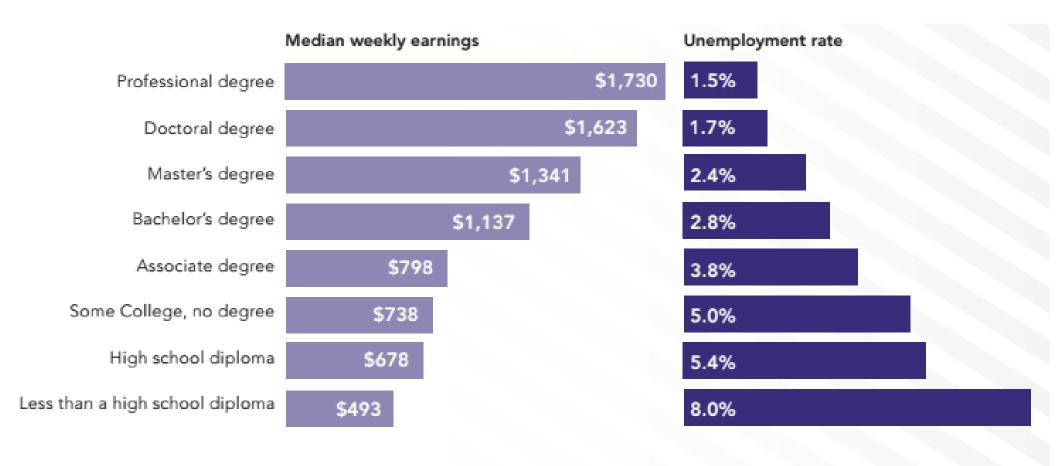
Michigan Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. Milmi.org



# The Most Prosperous States Have the Most College Graduates



## Earnings & Employment Rate by Educational Attainment



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

#### **Educational Attainment**

### The Goal:

60% of Michigan Residents to have a Postsecondary degree or credential by 2025.

More Info at:

mitalentgoal2025.org

## Reaching for Opportunity

An Action Plan to Increase Michigan's Postsecondary Credential Attainment

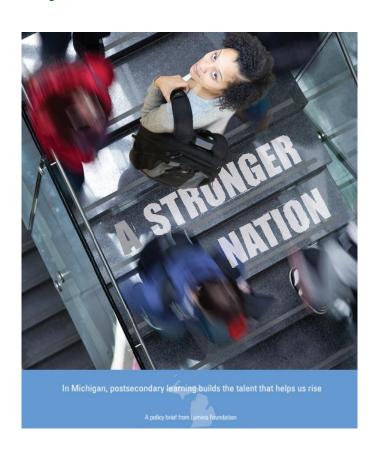


Good News on Educational Attainment in Michigan, Associate's degree or above:

2008: 35.7%

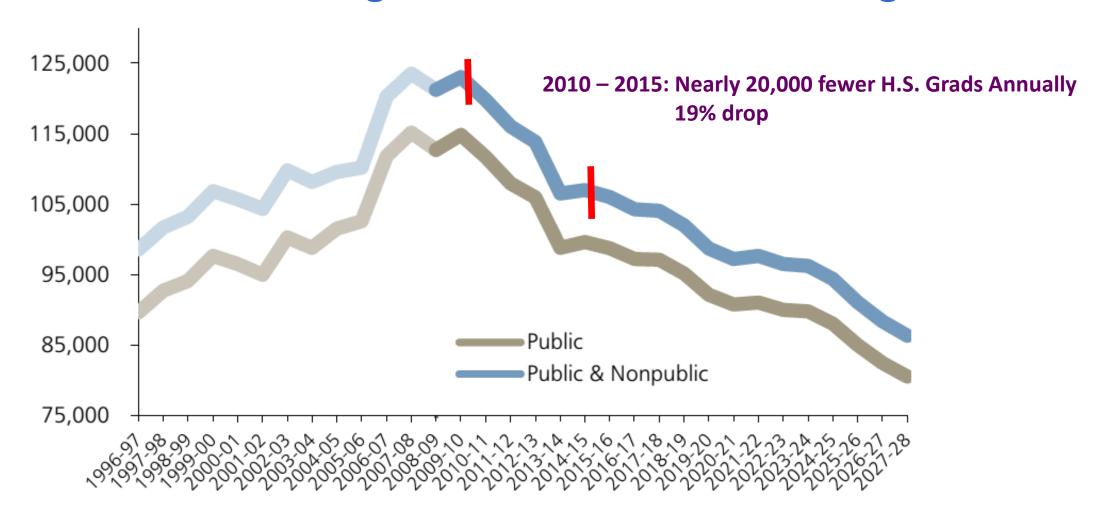
2014: 39.3% (+3.6%)

43.3% when including high-quality certificates



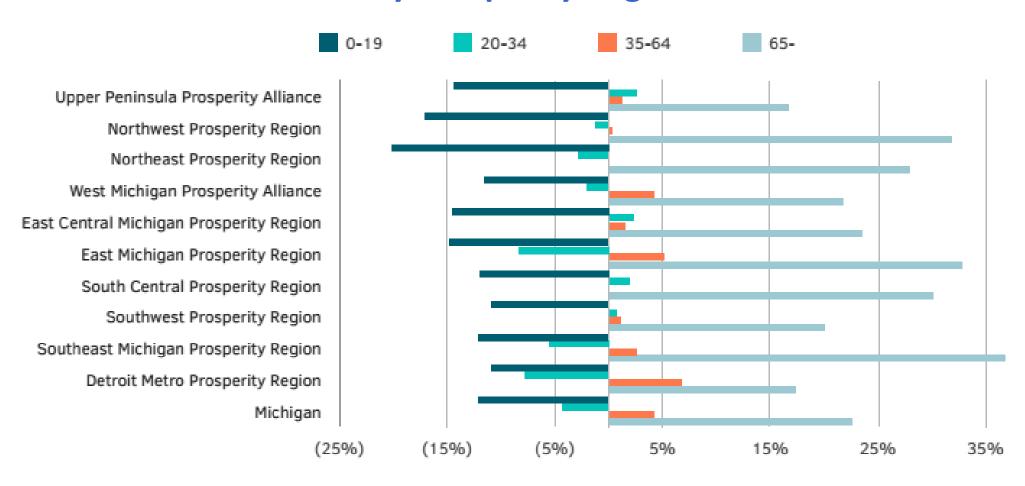
### **Challenge: Demographics and Migration**

### **Production of High School Graduates in Michigan**



### **Challenge: Demographics and Migration**

Age Groups, Rates of Change, Michigan Residents,
By Prosperity Region



### Michigan College Enrollment Trends

### **Total Students 2008-2016**

- Community colleges: -15.6%
- Independent colleges: -14.9%
- Public universities: +1.0%
  - +4.7% among undergraduates
  - Fall 2016: +5.3% among full-time freshmen



### **Opportunity: Adult Non-Degree Completers**

## Percent of Michigan Adults, Aged 25-64, with Some College, No Degree



### Opportunity: Out-of-State & International Enrollment

## International Student Enrollments: Midwest Regional States

	Annual Growth	National Rank	<b>2015-16 Students</b>
Illinois	8.1%	#5	50,327
Pennsylvani	a 6.0%	#6	48,453
Ohio	5.6%	#8	37,752
Michigan	<b>5.7</b> %	#9	33,848
Indiana	4.0%	#10	29,219

Michigan higher education: A more than \$1 billion annual export industry

College Affordability—
State Funding

## State Investment in Higher Education --A Recent Review--

- 15% cut in FY 2012, followed by 5 consecutive years of re-investment in university operating support (appropriations)
- Flat funding of Michigan Competitive Scholarship for past 7 years (state financial aid for students attending private & public colleges)
- FY 2018 Budget Recommendation:
  - Collective restoration of state operating support
  - \$8 million increase in MCS



## State Investment in Higher Education -- The Longer View--

- Almost \$1 billion reduction in inflation-adjusted state higher education and student aid funding since 2002
- MI ranks 39<sup>th</sup> in per capita state fiscal support for higher ed

### **State University Operating Support**

<u>2000</u> <u>2016</u>

\$2.1 Billion \$1.36 Billion

\$9,387 per full-time student \$5,217 per full-time student

....a 44% decrease in state funding per-student (inflation-adjusted)



# Cuts in State Support Have Hurt College Affordability

#### STATE SPENDING FROM STATE RESOURCES

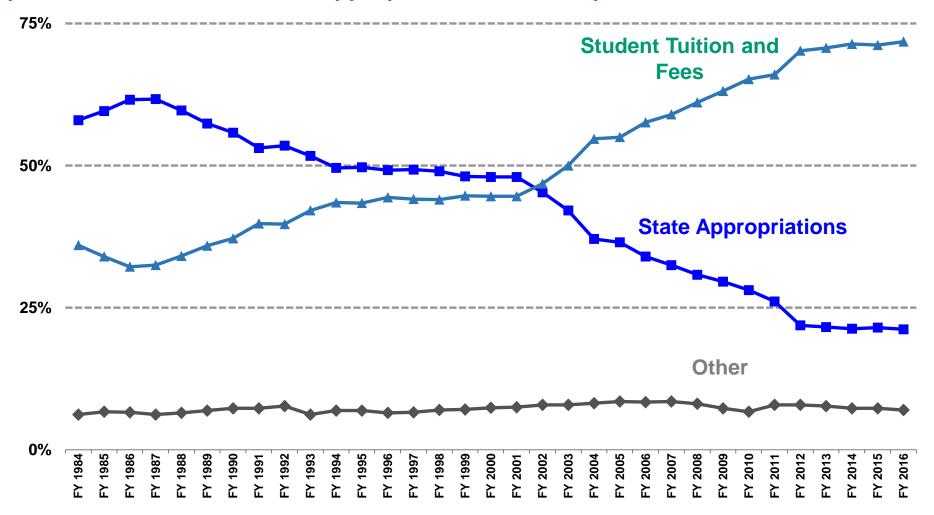
**DOLLARS IN MILLIONS** 

	2001-02	2016-17	% change
Community Health and Human Services	\$4,296	\$6,669	49.6%
Corrections	\$1,653	\$1,988	20.1%
K-12 School Aid	\$11,221	\$12,343	8.9%
Community colleges	\$320	\$395	27.0%
Higher education	\$1,941	\$1,481	-19.5%
Revenue sharing	\$1,517	\$1,229	-15.3%
All other	\$5,139	\$6,891	38.7%
Total	\$26,087	\$30,998	19.1%
Federal Funding	\$11,243	\$22,661	85.4%
Michigan Personal Income	\$301,496	\$449,394	43.0%
Detroit CPI	178	224	21.7%

Senate Fiscal Agency, not adjusted for inflation

### **State Support and Tuition Linked**

**Proportion of Tuition and State Appropriations that Comprise Universities' General Funds** 



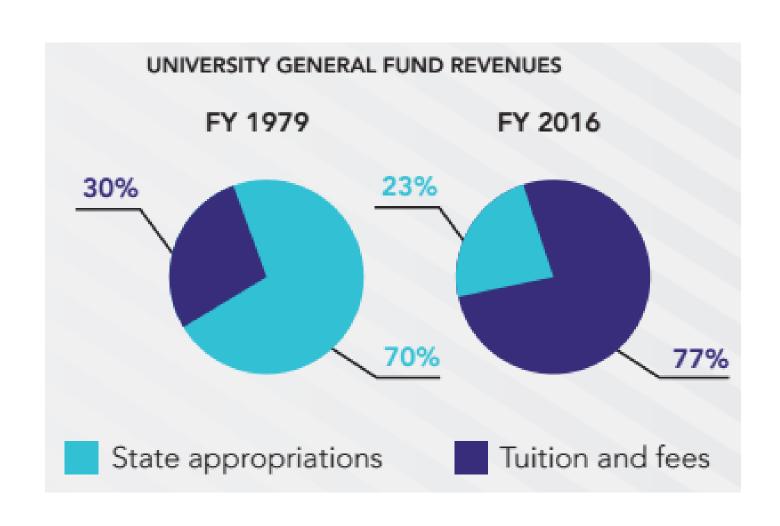
### **Factors in Tuition Price Escalation**

Since FY 2001, 80% of tuition price increases are attributable to state funding reductions, and nearly 100% when factoring in institutional financial aid. (inflation-adjusted, as of FY 2014).

**House Fiscal Agency, December 2013** 



## The State-to-Student Cost Shift in Paying for a Public University Education



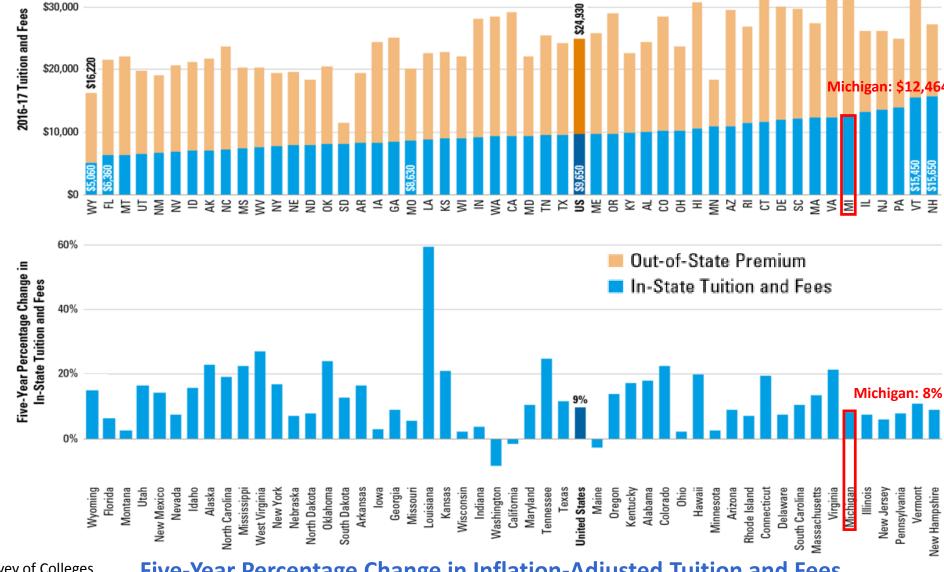
#### **Average 2016-17 In-State Tuition and Fees at Public Four-Year Institutions, by State**

**State** disinvestment has resulted in Michigan's public universities having higher tuition rates....

\$40,000

...but the universities have kept tuition increases lower than the national average in recent years.





**Five-Year Percentage Change in Inflation-Adjusted Tuition and Fees** 

Source: The College Board, 2015 Annual Survey of Colleges

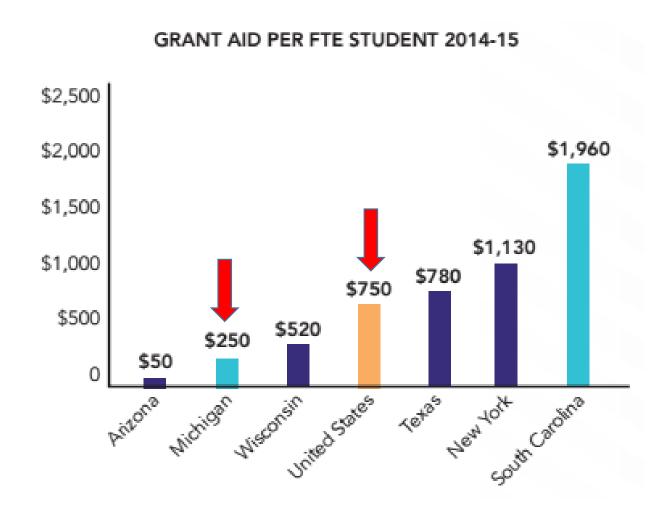
### **State Financial Aid**

- MI 39<sup>th</sup> nationally in financial aid investment
- 69% reduction in state aid since 2002 (CPI adjusted)
- Shift in the provision of financial aid from the state to institutions

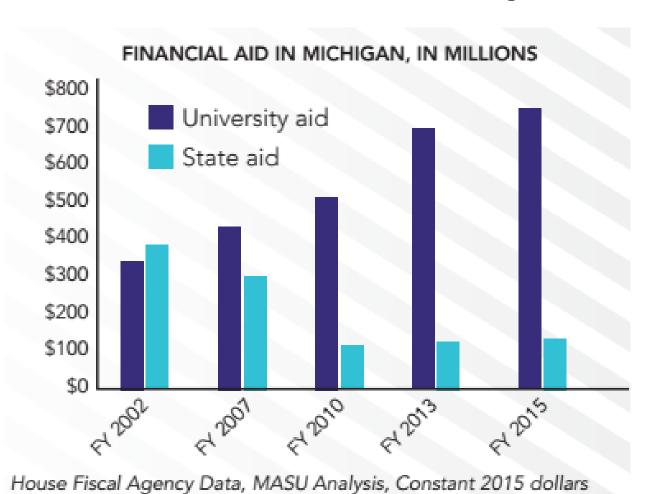




## Michigan Student Financial Aid: One-Third the National Average



# Universities: Helping to Fill the Financial Aid Gap



### Sticker Price Vs. Net Price at Michigan's Public Universities

When factoring in all forms of grant aid—federal, state and institutional (not including loans), the average cost of attendance at Michigan's public universities was \$13,490 in FY 2014

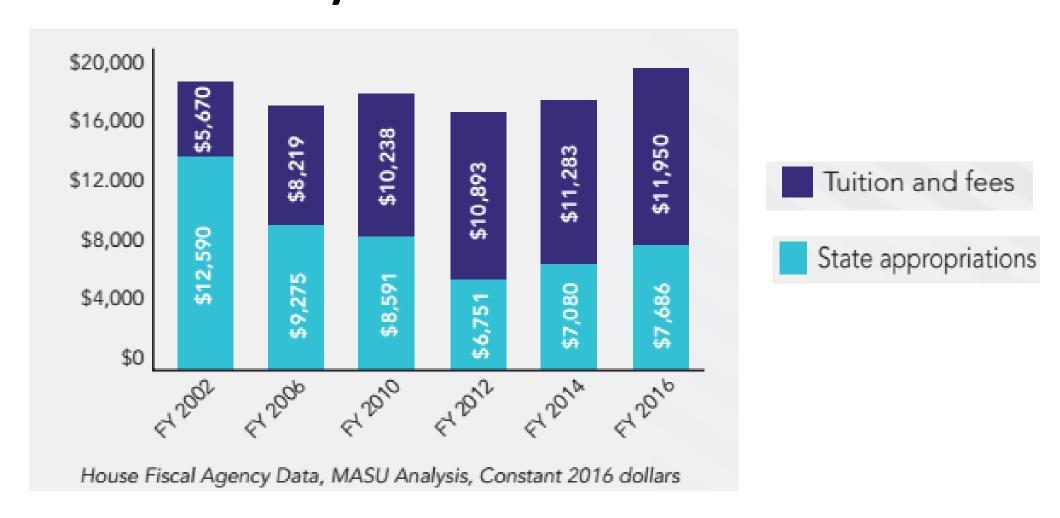
\$25,000

Avg. Published Price: \$22,585 \$20,000 \$15,000 Avg. Net Price: \$13,490 \$10,000 \$5,000 \$0 **FY 2010** FY 2011 FY 2012 **FY 2013** FY 2014 **─**Total Cost of Attendance Net Price

\*Cost of Attendance includes tuition & fees, room & board, books & supplies, transportation.

## **Universities Restraining Spending:**

Over the past 14 years, spending per resident student has only increased 2.3%

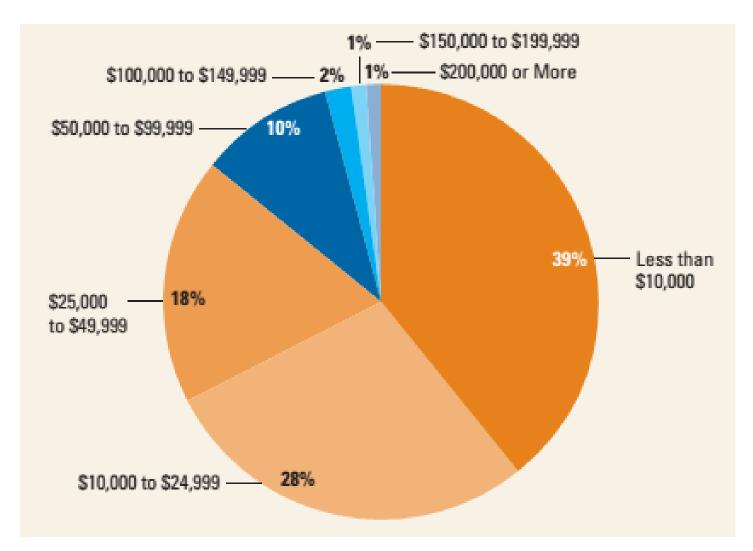


## **Student Debt**

- Student debt It's an issue but not a crisis
- Great Recession enrollment boom, more borrowing
- In Michigan nearly 40% of public university grads leave with NO student debt

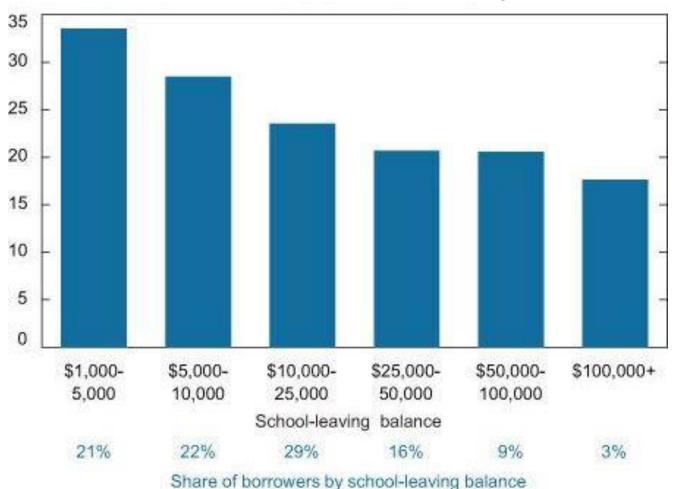
	% of Students with Debt	Ave Debt of Graduates	Per Capita Debt of Graduates
Public Universities-Michigan	61%	\$29,142	\$17,784
<b>Public Universities-National</b>	60%	\$25,902	\$15,486

## Distribution of Outstanding Education Debt by Average Balance



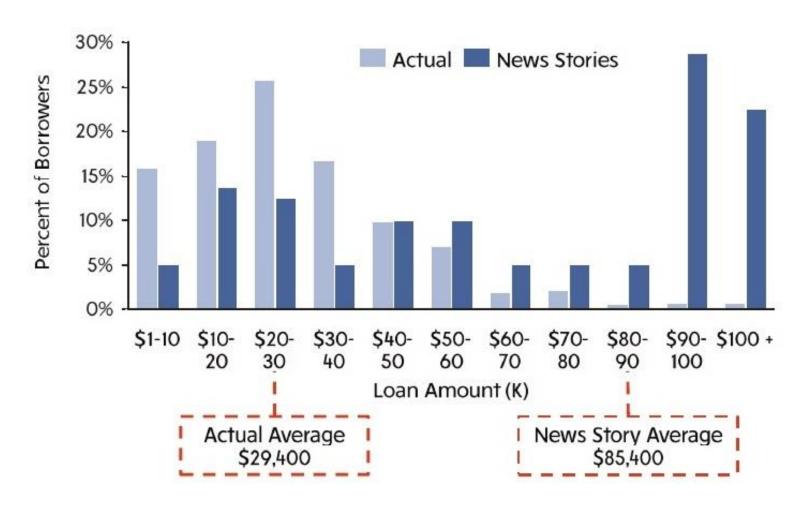
## Student Debt Paradox: Smaller the Loan, Higher Likelihood of Loan Default

Percent of borrowers who have ever defaulted, by school-leaving loan balance



Source: Vox.com, Libby Nelson.
Data from New York Fed
Consumer Credit Panel/Equifax.
2014 Q4 data.

### Distribution of Student Debt, Actual Vs. Anecdotal Reporting



**Institutional Stewardship** 

# Institutional Fiscal Stewardship at the State Universities of Michigan

- Group purchasing contracting
  - MI Coalition on Health
  - MI Universities Self-Insurance Corporation
  - Midwest Higher Education Compact
- Organizational realignments, consolidations
  - Position eliminations
- Efforts to boost student success
  - Increased retention, degree completion, reducing time-to-degree



MICHIGAN UNIVERSITIES COALITION ON HEALTH



# Institutional Fiscal Stewardship: Academic Programming

New and Discontinued Degree Programs at Michigan's 15 Public Universities,

May 2015 through April 2016

	New	Discontinued
Bachelor's Degrees	27	25
Master's Degrees	19	48
<b>Doctoral Degrees</b>	10	11

28 more academic programs were eliminated than were created.

### **Graduation Rates**

- Positive trend, but still room for improvement
- Inadequacy of Federal Graduation Rate data
- All MI State Universities participating in Student Achievement Measure
- New: MI CEPI Student Success Rate
  - Includes part-time students
  - Includes transfers-in and transfers-out
  - Better data, much better graduation rate
    - Avg. Federal Graduation rate: 58.2%
    - Avg. Michigan Success (Graduation) Rate: 66.6%







The U.S. Department of Education unveiled a new College Scorecard in 2015.

#### The result?

Michigan's public universities cost below average and return a higher salary compared to national peers.

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#### Central Michigan University

Mount Pleasant, MI 20,070 undergraduates



### Lake Superior

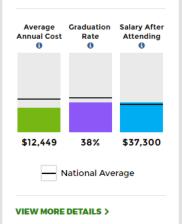
**State University** 

Sault Ste Marie, MI 2,299 undergraduates



#### Eastern Michigan University

Ypsilanti, MI 18,543 undergraduates



#### Michigan State University

East Lansing, MI 37,622 undergraduates



#### Ferris State University

Big Rapids, MI 12,646 undergraduates



### Michigan

Technological University

Houghton, MI 5,536 undergraduates



#### VIEW MORE DETAILS >

#### Northern Michigan University

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Marquette, MI 7,959 undergraduates

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**Grand Valley State** 

Graduation

68%

— National Average

Salary After

Attending

\$39,100

21,137 undergraduates

University

Allendale, MI

Average

**Annual Cost** 

\$16,243





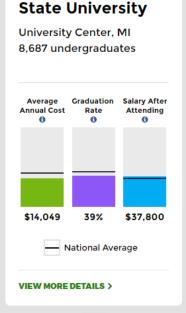
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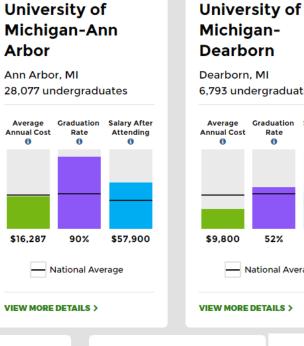
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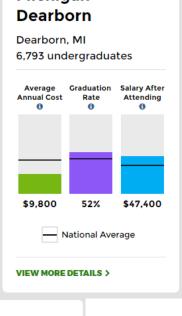
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Saginaw Valley











## **Collaborating to Advance Student Success**

- Career and College Readiness Standards\*
- Credit When It's Due (Reverse Transfer)\*
- Coalition of Michigan Veterans Educators\*
- Detroit Promise Scholarship Program
- Liberal Education & America's Promise
- Math Pathways to Completion Initiative\*
- Michigan Career Pathways Steering Committee\*

- Michigan Gateways to Completion Project
- Michigan Transfer Agreement\*
- Michigan Transfer Steering Committee\*
- Michigan Transfer Network\*
- MHEC Commission on Military Credit\*
- Implementation of Reaching for Opportunity Report Recommendations\*

Asterisks indicate initiatives that the Michigan Association of State Universities (MASU) and Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) are jointly involved in.





#### Collaboration

# Academic Program Partnerships Among Michigan Public Universities and Community Colleges 2015-2016

- Articulation agreements: 596
- On-site baccalaureate programs: 150
- Other relevant academic partnerships: 35
- Classes offered: 1,032
- Students enrolled: 11,944
- Degrees awarded: 2,740



### **Legislative Priorities**



3 PRIORITIES, 2 OVERARCHING GOALS:

Improve
College Affordability



Student Success at Michigan's World-Class Public Universities

**#1: Increase State Need-Based Student Financial Aid** 

**#2: Enhance State Operating Support for Public Universities** 

#3: Invest in State Capital
Outlay for Michigan's Public
Universities



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## Hope for the Future Involving College Affordability & Student Success

- State Level: A sustained period of modest reinvestment in higher education
- Institutional Level: Commitment to need-based financial aid
- Increasing college preparation = increasing participation
- Sophistication in student retention strategies
- Innovation in instructional delivery
- Pre-college credit (AP, dual enrollment, early college)



### Other Topics??

**Workforce Alignment** 

Research & Commercialization

Program Delivery

**Enrollment** 

Federal Policy

**Public Safety** 

College Completion **Credit Transfer** 

**Veteran Student Success** 

**Liberal Arts** 

**Degree Pathways** 

**Civic Engagement** 

STUDENT OUTCOMES

K-12 Outreach

**International Education** 

## Dialogue This presentation available online at masu.org















